

REMARKS

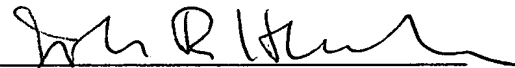
Examination of the above-identified application in view of the present preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed December 6, 2006. This amendment amends claim 21 to eliminate the multiple dependency. This claim now depends only from claim 12. Accordingly, the additional claim fees of \$1,210.00 set out in the Notification are no longer necessary.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this matter to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090

Respectfully submitted,



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